



THE

Semon Convalescents' Home,

AT ILKLEY, IN WHARFEDALE,

NEAR BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

This Institution is situated in the vicinity of the celebrated Establishments known as Ben Rhydding and Ilkley Wells. It was built in 1874 by the late Charles Semon, Esq., a Bradford Merchant, and was presented by him to the Corporation of the Borough of Bradford, acting as Urban Sanitary Authority (of which Borough he was Mayor in 1865), and is intended to meet the wants of a most deserving class of persons—those who cannot afford to pay the expense of going to such places as Ben Rhydding or Ilkley Wells, but who are not so destitute as to need free quarters in a public hospital. The gift was accompanied with the sum of £3000 to provide a fund towards working expenses. The Home and surrounding grounds cover nearly six acres; and the total cost, including furniture and fittings, was £12,000.

The Regulations laid down for the management of the Institution speak for themselves, both as to its objects and the steps to be taken by persons who wish to become inmates. They are as follow :—

(a) The Home is to be used exclusively for persons of slender means, whether born in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, and whether resident in Bradford or not, who are in a weak state of health, or who, having been ill, are tardily recovering, and require, for complete restoration to health, change of air, good food, rest, and kind treatment, together with medical supervision.

(b) The following cases are NOT to be admissible :—

Persons who are blind and helpless, and children under ten years of age.

Persons who are recovering from small pox, typhus, scarlet fever, or any other infectious or contagious disease.

Persons with open sores, or any form of disease requiring active treatment.

Persons subject to epileptic or other fits, or who are of unsound mind.

Persons suffering from cancer, confirmed pulmonary consumption, or any incurable disease.

Women advanced in pregnancy.

Persons in receipt of parochial relief.

- (c) Candidates for admission must send to the Matron a written application, accompanied by a medical certificate that the Candidate is eligible according to the above conditions, and also by a satisfactory certificate, from at least one respectable person, of the position and good character of the applicant. The Matron shall, in answer to such application, give timely notice of the day and hour when the applicant can be received, if approved. Persons selected for admission must pay their own expenses to and from Ilkley, where they will be met with a conveyance at the Railway Station to take them to the Home.
- (d) Admission to the Home is at the uniform charge of Twelve Shillings and Sixpence per week, payable in advance. This payment is to cover all charges, including a good substantial dietary.
- (e) Every Convalescent, on entering the Home, must bring one complete change of underclothing, a pair of boots or shoes adapted for outdoor wear, and a pair of slippers for indoor wear, and must also provide for the necessary washing of his or her articles of clothing.

The site selected is noted for its healthfulness, and the Home is provided with heating and ventilating appliances so arranged as to render the atmosphere of the apartments suitable for delicate constitutions during the most inclement seasons. The Institution is open for the reception of Inmates during the whole of the year.

The male and female Inmates are separately accommodated in different parts of the building, save that all meals are taken in common. A few of the sleeping rooms are fitted up for one person only, while some of them are arranged to accommodate two and some three persons, but with separate beds. There are commodious, cheerful sitting rooms, affording extensive views of the beautiful scenery of the district. Every requisite for comfort is supplied throughout the building, inner windows having been fixed in the sitting and dining rooms as a protection against stormy weather during the winter months. The grounds are well laid out, and they include a small court for tennis or bowls; there are charming walks in the neighbourhood; and Bolton Abbey and Woods are within a distance of about six miles.

One of the principal aims of the Founder was to make the Home, in all respects, as agreeable to the Inmates as though they were at an hotel or boarding-house, and to fix the charge at such a sum as should be just sufficient to cover actual cost, and yet make the inmates feel perfectly independent.

Forms of Certificate for Admission, and any further information may be obtained on application by Letter, addressed "The MATRON, Semon Convalescents' Home, Ilkley, Yorkshire."

BY ORDER,

W. T. MCGOWEN,

TOWN CLERK.

TOWN HALL, BRADFORD,
4TH FEBRUARY, 1890.

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for persons of slender means.

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CERTIFICATE OF RESPECTABILITY.

Name of Applicant.....

Calling of Applicant.....

Residence.....

*I hereby certify that the above-named Applicant is a person of
good character and respectability, and a suitable case for admission
into the Semon Convalescents' Home.*

(Signed).....

Rank or Profession.....

Date..... *Address*.....

Candidates for admission, and persons signing certificates,
are requested to observe that the Home is intended exclusively
for those who are in a weak state of health, or who are tardily
recovering from illness, and to whom a change of air, combined
with good food, rest, kind treatment, and medical supervision
are necessary to complete recovery.

All Communications to be addressed to

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This Certificate after being filled up and signed must be forwarded to the Matron, who
will give timely notice of the day and hour when the Applicant can be received.

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

*I hereby certify that.....
is a suitable person for admission into the Semon Convalescents' Home,
and is likely to be benefited thereby; and that the case does not fall
within any of the six disqualifications hereunder mentioned.*

*(Signed)
Physician or Surgeon.*

Date Address

Age of Applicant

*Nature of Ailment
(if any) from
which the applicant
is suffering or
recovering*

*Medical men giving Certificates are requested to observe that
the Home is meant exclusively for persons who are in a weak state
of health, and requiring a rest to render them fit for their ordinary
duties; or who are tardily recovering from illness, and who only
need change of air, good food, and kind treatment, combined with
medical supervision, in order to promote complete restoration.*

*The following cases are not eligible, or if inadvertently admitted
will not be allowed to remain, namely —*


- 1.—Persons who are blind or helpless, and Children under ten years of age.
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- 3.—Persons afflicted with open sores, or any form of disease requiring active treatment.
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